
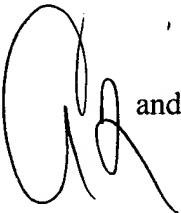


a third one of said plurality of support members mountable between said first one of said plurality of support members and said second one of said plurality of support members, said third one of said plurality of support members being mountable within one of said plurality of framework configurations in a horizontal orientation so as to ^{be} parallel ^{said} to left side wall and said right side wall and being supportable above said floor of said vehicle bed; and

at least one of said plurality of connector elements for attaching said third one of said plurality of support members to said one of said plurality of framework configurations, said at least one of said plurality of connector elements having at least three plugs extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said at least three plugs connects to said central portion.

 ~~22~~¹⁶ The organizer of Claim ~~21~~¹⁵, wherein said plurality of connector elements comprises at least one joint member which has four of said plugs oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to four of said plurality of tubular support members oriented in substantially a horizontal direction with respect to said truck bed floor and at least one additional of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with at least one of said plurality of support members oriented in a substantially vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor each of said four plugs and said at least one additional plug extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said plugs connects to said central portion.

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

 1. (Amended) An organizer suitable for use in a vehicle bed, said vehicle bed having a floor and two sides, said organizer comprising:
a plurality of support legs;

a plurality of joints with each said joint having a plurality of plugs extending outwardly therefrom, each of said plugs being adapted so as to be selectively telescopingly interconnectable to one of said plurality of support legs, [and]

at least one joint of said plurality of joints having four plugs for extending horizontally and at least one plug for extending vertically, each of said four plugs and said at least one plug intersecting at a common central intersection, said four horizontal plugs forming a cross such that each of said four horizontal ^{plugs} ~~plug~~ is at a right angle with respect to each adjacent horizontal plug; and

a plurality of lock members, said plurality of elongate support legs and said plurality of plugs being adapted for receiving at least one of said plurality of lock members for fixing a relative axial telescoping position between a respective said plug and a corresponding said support leg.

2. (Amended) The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

said plurality of joints and said legs being interconnectable in numerous different framework configurations depending on how many of said joints, said plugs on said joints, and said support legs are used and located.

3. (Amended) The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

each of said plurality of plugs is oriented at a right angle with respect to at least one other said plug.

5. (Amended) The organizer of Claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said plurality of joints has [a] differing numbers of said plurality of plugs extending outwardly therefrom with respect to at least one other of said plurality of joints.

8. (Amended) An organizer suitable for use in a vehicle bed, said vehicle bed having a substantially rectangular floor [and two sides] having a left side wall on a left side of said vehicle and a right side wall on a right side of said vehicle extending upwardly from said floor, [said two sides] said left side wall and said right side wall of said vehicle bed each having a profile, said vehicle bed having a front wall, said organizer comprising:

a plurality of tubular support members;

a plurality of connector elements for selectively axially telescopingly interconnecting with said tubular [elongate] support members; [and]

a plurality of lock members, each of said plurality of lock members being mountable at a selectable relative axial telescoping position between one of said plurality of tubular [elongate] support members and one of said plurality of connector elements, said plurality of tubular [elongate] support members and said plurality of connector elements and said plurality of lock members being selectively connectable/disconnectable to form any one of a plurality of different framework configurations[.];

a first one of said plurality of support members mountable adjacent said left side wall;

a second one of said plurality of support members ~~for~~ mountable adjacent said right side wall;

a third one of said plurality of support members mountable between said first one of said plurality of support members and said second one of said plurality of support members, said third one of said plurality of support members being mountable in a vertical ~~to~~ orientation within one of said plurality of different framework configurations and having a length sufficient to engage said floor of said vehicle bed; and

at least one of said plurality of connector elements for telescopingly attaching said third one of said plurality of support members within said one of said plurality of different framework configurations, said at least one of said plurality of connector elements having at least three plugs

extending outwardly therefrom

9. (Amended) The organizer of Claim 8, said plurality of connector elements each comprising a joint member from which a plurality of plugs extend outwardly therefrom, each of said plurality of plugs being selectively engageable with one of said plurality of tubular support members.

10. (Amended) The organizer of Claim [9] 8 wherein said plurality of said connector elements comprise a first joint member with six of said plugs extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said six plugs connects to said central portion, a second joint member with five of said plugs extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said five plugs connects to said central portion, or a third joint member with four of said plugs extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said four plugs connects to said central portion.

11. (Amended) The organizer of Claim [9] 8, wherein said plurality of connector elements comprises at least one joint member which has four of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to four said tubular support [legs] members substantially oriented in a horizontal direction with respect to said truck bed floor, and two additional ones of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to two [support legs] said support members substantially oriented in a vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor.

12. (Amended) The organizer of Claim [9] 8, wherein said plurality of connector elements comprises at least one joint member which has four of said plugs oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to four of said plurality of tubular support [legs] members oriented in

substantially a horizontal direction with respect to said truck bed floor and at least one additional of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with at least one of said plurality of support [legs] members oriented in a substantially vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor each of said four plugs and said at least one additional plug extending outwardly from a central portion thereof such that each of said plugs connects to said central portion.

13. (Amended) The organizer of Claim [9] 8, wherein said plurality of connectors comprises at least one joint member which has three of said plugs oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to three of said plurality of tubular support [legs] members and one of said plugs being oriented so as to be selectively connectable with up to one of said plurality of support [legs] oriented substantially in a vertical direction with respect to said truck bed floor.

14. (Amended) The organizer of Claim 8, wherein said plurality of tubular [elongate] support members and said plurality of connector elements and said plurality of lock members being selectively interconnectable in at least one framework configuration that mates to said profile of said ^{walls} two sides of said vehicle bed.